

ALL SOLD OUT

Votes Auctioned Off at the Public Square to the Highest Bidder.

MANY ARE CONVICTED

Preachers, Deacons, Merchants, Farmers and All Other Kinds of People Sold Their Votes—One Whole School District is Left Without a Voter Now.

Adams county, Ohio, hereafter must hide its head in shame. Never before in the history of the United States has such shameless barter of votes been exhibited.

Out of a voting population of 6,000, almost 1,071 already have been indicted and several hundred have been fined and disfranchised for a year. It is said that the entire number of fraud cases may reach 2,000, or 33 1-3 per cent of the voters of the county. It may even exceed that figure.

Already there are charges that at least nine other counties in the same part of the State are in like condition. Columbus hears that there are "boodle" counties to the north as well. Decent citizens fear the extent of the promised revelations.

Traffic in votes in Adams county has not been confined to political camp followers. People of all classes have been indicted and found guilty. Deacons in the churches, business men, professional men and the bulwark of American liberty, the honest farmer, have one and all been to the voting places and handed in their ballots to the highest bidder.

In one school district not a single voter will be left—that is in Jefferson township, which includes Wamsleyville. Every male citizen has been indicted. Two more ministers, both of Queen county, were indicted today. Each received \$5 for his vote. One young man confessed that he sold out to his own father for \$10.

It is said that the buying and selling of votes has been going on in Adams county for more than thirty years. It started with the use of election funds in gubernatorial campaigns. "The Hill Billies," or residents of the poorer districts in the hills, immediately pounced upon it as a fine method of turning an extra penny. It was not long before candidates for all offices found that an amazingly large number of heads were out. The price of votes, which had been small in the beginning, began to rise. Competition grew so keen that men auctioned their ballots from soap boxes in front of the court house in West Union. Many a county officer has been forced to pay campaign assessments of more than \$2,500 to obtain an office with a salary of \$1,800. Running for office has meant the financial ruin of more than one man. The price of votes went up from \$2 to \$20. More than one-third the voting population of Adams county is declared to have been involved in the traffic. So rapacious did the voters become that the politicians found the situation fast getting beyond their control.

Finally the scandal grew so bad that Judge Blair started to clean things up. He tried, by agreement to do away with the buying and selling of votes.

"Boodling started when the old method of balloting was used," said Judge Blair. "When a party worker bought a man's vote he would hand the man a ballot and watch him put it in the box. Under the new system the voter goes into the booth and shows the judge his ballot. If it is right, the judge signals to the party worker outside, and, after the ballot is cast, the party worker hands the voter his pay."

"I myself have seen men standing on the auction block. I saw a farm or worth \$40,000 stand on a soap box in front of the court house in West Union and auction off his vote. The mayor, the prosecuting attorney and the town marshal watched the auction and did nothing."

"It got so that men openly boasted that they wouldn't vote unless they were paid. I have seen twenty-seven men in one precinct sold in a block by a leader. When I ran for office the first time, six years ago, one hundred and twenty-seven men in Manchester organized and told me I'd have to pay them or be defeated. I wouldn't pay. I was elected in the judicial district, but I lost Adams county."

Some two hundred confessed bribers have "squealed" and have been released under the informer's act. However, they have furnished the county officers and the judge with an amazing mass of information, on which indictments are being returned by the hundred.

Adams county is in the grip of cold and snow and the wind blows around the hills, but the vote-sellers are coming for miles by foot and by horse to make their pleas of guilt and receive punishment. The penalty is the same in each case—a suspended prison sentence, a fine of \$5 and disfranchisement for five years. A poverty-stricken preacher was among those who came recently and admitted that he had sold his vote when poverty pinched hard. Elders

A HARD LUCK ROBBER

BURIED HIS LOOT, THEN FORGOT ITS HIDING PLACE.

Detectives Trilled Him for Six Years in the Hope of Regaining Lost Gold, But Failed.

Charles Beeler, who robbed the Wells-Fargo Express company, at San Antonio, Tex., of \$50,000 eleven years ago, is running an engine on the St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico railroad. He is apparently suffering no pangs of conscience over his crime. The penalty which he paid for taking the money was five years in the penitentiary, the court giving him that sentence on a plea of guilty.

Beeler stole the money while he was hauling it from the express office to the railroad station, in San Antonio. He buried it on a ranch a short distance from the city and then fled into Mexico. He was captured and taken back to Texas for trial, and after he had pleaded guilty made a confession and led the detectives to the place where he buried the money. But he could not find it, either from mistaking the location or having some one else dig it up, and he was accordingly taken back and sentenced to five years in prison, which he served.

When he stepped out of prison two detectives met him and accompanied him to San Antonio. Beeler worked at odd jobs for a time, and then obtained a place as fireman on a locomotive on the Trinity and Brazos railroad. A detective rode on every train that his engine pulled. Beeler was watched day and night. He went to the St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico railroad from the Trinity and Brazos Valley in the hope of getting rid of the detectives, but they followed him.

It is now six years since he left the penitentiary, and until a few weeks ago there never was a moment in all that period that he was not being spied upon by detectives. It is said the express company is at last convinced that Beeler's story of some one finding the buried money and getting away with it is true. As a locomotive engineer this former express robber is performing good and faithful service.

Found to be Useful.

Just as dirt has been defined as "matter in the wrong place," so weeds may be considered as vegetation for which no use has been found. Let some value for it be discovered and it is no longer regarded as a noxious weed but as a plant serviceable to mankind. Gradually, as scientific research reveals the properties of vegetation, much that was once considered a nuisance is now cultivated for its medicinal or commercial value. Perhaps the latest discovery in that line, and one that promises to be of great importance, is the fact that the weed known as Sudd which blocks the upper Nile for hundreds of miles is now being converted into a cheap and satisfactory fuel by a process invented by a German. If its use becomes general it will mean a twofold blessing in that it will clear navigation in the river and provide people with fuel. For the time will come when a use will be found for all kinds of vegetation at present regarded as both waste and a nuisance, and every such discovery will minister to the need of man and help solve the problem of living.

Gets Twelve Years.

Jas. J. Gallagher, who shot Mayor Gaynor last August, was sentenced Wednesday to 12 years' imprisonment. He was convicted in Jersey City on an indictment charging him, not with shooting Mayor Gaynor, but with assaulting, with intent to kill, William H. Edwards, commissioner of street cleaning of New York.

Young and Old Confess.

At Adams, Ohio, first voters and men whose ages run as high as 75, numbering 140, confessed before Judge A. Z. Blair Wednesday that in the last election they sold their votes. Each was fined \$5, given a suspended work house sentence and five years' disfranchisement.

Chops Off Fingers.

At Spartanburg Robert Smith, a little boy 5 years of age, while playing with his little cousin, Theopha Lancaster, Thursday accidentally chopped off the little girl's fingers with an axe. She lost all the fingers of her left hand.

Many Horses Burn.

At Troy, N. Y., thirty-eight horses were burned to death, ten families rendered homeless and seven buildings destroyed by fire originating in the Keef livery stable. The loss is estimated at one hundred thousand dollars.

Hanged in Ireland.

At Cork, Ireland, Wm. Scanlan, an American army pensioner, was hanged Wednesday for the alleged murder of his sister-in-law in 1909. Scanlan was convicted on purely circumstantial evidence.

and deacons have testified that they bought votes extensively.

EXTEND OVER FIFTEEN YEARS.

Customs Official Makes Statement

About New Orleans Sugar Fraud. "When the grand jury now investigating the sampling of sugar at New Orleans finishes its work, it will be found that the frauds against the Government there have been going on for at least fifteen years."

This statement was made Friday by an official of the customs service, who declared all the suspected frauds would be found in the sampling of sugar and in the tests which determine the saccharine contents upon which the importer pays duty.

An investigation of alleged "drawback" frauds at San Francisco is also imminent. In fact, it is known that a preliminary investigation has furnished evidence which leads treasury officials to believe that the frauds at San Francisco will eclipse those at New York, which the American Sugar Refining Company recently ordered to settle for \$700,000.

Evidence collected by the customs service is said to show the Government has for years been paying "drawback" on Philippine sugar, which came into the United States duty free, was used in the preservation of California fruit and later exported as sugar imported from Java on which duty had been paid.

One of the officials of the treasury department Friday said: "The troubles of the sugar importers have only begun. The discoveries of the frauds have only started."

Humanity Demands It.

Strikes and lockouts are a barbarism which very rarely may be excusable but which should never be resorted to until every other method of adjustment has been tried. In the long run most of these disputes are settled by arbitration, and the average man wonders why this could not have been done at the beginning instead of the end and thereby considerable interruption to business and untold suffering prevented.

The dispute between the garment workers and their employers in Chicago is one of the worst in recent years. Public opinion and sympathy in the matter may to some extent be divided, but anyone who knows anything about sweat shop conditions, the avarice of the men who are responsible for those conditions and the cruel advantages so often taken of immigrant women and girls ignorant of these conditions, may well believe that the workers have much cause for complaint.

But the saddest thing of all is the suffering of innocent members of the families involved. In the homes of the strikers impoverished by weeks of idleness five hundred children have been born since the trouble began. The thought of those infants coming into the world at such a time and the wretchedness, suffering and sorrow it all means arouses the sympathy and indignation of every lover of his kind. We read with horror of the slaughter of the infants in the little town of Bethlehem 1900 years ago, and yet in this Christmas season of peace and goodwill, infants are being slaughtered in the homes of Chicago because people will not agree to what is fair in wages, humanity and justice ought to demand of ending it without delay.

However progressive and good a town may be it can always be improved. Therefore while its citizens are ever so thankful for the progress already made they should never rest content with past achievement or present conditions, but use every wise effort to still further advance the interest.

Found in Swamp.

The partially decomposed body of John Owens, of Americus, Ga., who recently disappeared from his home, was found Monday afternoon in Muck Swamp, three miles from that place. It is believed he wandered from home while temporarily out of his mind and died from exposure.

Takes Poison and Lead.

M. E. Beaver, aged 38, agent of the Raleigh & Charleston railroad at Marietta, N. C., committed suicide early Wednesday by taking carbolic acid and then shooting himself. Disappointment in love affairs is ascribed as the cause.

A Mean Thief.

Sam Hawkins, a negro, formerly porter for an Atlanta undertaking establishment, is under arrest charged with stealing the clothes of a corpse. The stolen goods were found in his possession. Hawkins confessed.

Taking Her Dead.

Miss Amy Schmidt, aged 60, after 40 years' residence in America, has started back to Germany by way of New York, accompanied by the bodies of all her relatives who have died in this country.

Senator Elkins Dead.

At Washington Senator Stephen B. Elkins of West Virginia died at 12 o'clock Wednesday night after a lingering illness. Members of his family were present when the end came.

Found Frozen.

T. A. Hamstead, aged 86, who lived alone on a small farm near Wheelersville, Ala., was found frozen to death this afternoon in a field adjoining his home.

MAN WANTED OATS

BUT HE GOT FIVE THOUSAND BUSHELS OF PUSSY CATS.

Substitution of Wrong Letter in an Advertisement Causes Trouble and Floods a Town.

The substitution of a lower-case letter "o" for the letter "o" in an advertisement in the Sioux City, Omaha and local newspapers has caused John C. Trothers, a grain merchant of Neligh, Neb., all kinds of trouble.

Trothers, wishing to replenish his supply of oats, concluded to advertise. Writing his advertisement on a typewriter, he manifested it and sent copies to the newspapers as follows:

"Wanted—Delivered on track at light 10,000 bushels of cats. Will pay highest market price."

Not noticing the error he awaited results, which came sooner than he expected. Within a week cats of all kinds and descriptions commenced to arrive consigned to Trothers. Some were sent prepaid and others collect. They came from the East, the West, the North and South. The agent of the Northwestern road became alarmed. He was being swamped by cats and wired the superintendent for instructions. That official, not knowing what else to do, wired back:

"Release all cats not accepted."

Still cats continued to arrive, and still Trothers refused to accept the felines, but his troubles did not end there. Boys about town had learned that he was in the market for cats. They commenced to catch the strays and take them to his place of business. Some days last week he refused as many as five hundred cats brought in by boys and three and four times as many coming by rail.

It is estimated that fully five thousand cats have been shipped into Neligh, and the end is not yet. They are becoming a nuisance and the city council is about to take action and order a slaughter of the animals.

Why Not Turn This Tide?

Under the above caption the Atlanta Journal says during the year just ended one hundred and fifty thousand people of the United States, many of whom are farmers and nearly all of whom come from hardy Teutonic stock, moved across the northwestern border and settled in Canada. They will become citizens of that country, developing its wilderness, enriching its agriculture and adding to its national strength.

One hundred and fifty thousand producers of wealth have left us within a single twelvemonth. The number is considerably greater than it was in 1909 and, according to the forecast of the Canadian immigration department, it will be greater still at the end of 1911.

Such a record is of vital concern to every quarter of the union and particularly so to the south. For it is in this section that these thousands of land-seekers should logically settle. It would be a conservative estimate to say that the emigration to Canada last year meant a loss of one hundred million dollars to our own country. A nation has no asset more valuable than the man who works. Labor is of itself a source of community wealth and social welfare. Every farmer that moves from a country, not overcrowded, is a loss to that country.

And he is likewise a gain to land whither he goes. Had the tide of emigration from the northwest been southward instead of toward Canada our whole union would be richer today and our own section would be incalculably so.

The south neither desires nor needs that sort of immigration which flows in from the muck piles of the Old World, but she should welcome the men whose veins hold the blood of her own forebears and whose honest industry would add to the wealth of her harvests.

The immigration department of Canada is carrying on a vigorous, systematic campaign to secure settlers from our northwestern states. Herein lies a truly golden suggestion for the south.

Killed by Explosion.

Hubert Schulz, aged nineteen, was killed Monday at Yatum, Tex., while firing anvils in celebration of New Year's day. An iron ring which he placed between two anvils filled with powder burst when the explosion occurred, a piece of the ring striking Schulz in the stomach and passing entirely through the body.

Held to be Lawful.

The bank guaranty laws of Oklahoma, Nebraska and Kansas were declared constitutional by the supreme court of the United States Wednesday and thus the fight over the establishment of the policy of guaranteeing the public and State deposits in banks was won by advocates of such a policy.

Dam Blow Out.

One man was killed and several injured by the blowing out of lock and dam No. 6 above Monroe, La., Thursday. Others were forced to fly for their lives. The accident was caused by a rise in the river.

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Dobbs' Single Comb Rhode Island Red and "Crystal" White Orpingtons win and lay when others fall, stock and eggs for sale, send for mating list. G. A. Dobbs, Box B. 24, Gainesville, Ga.

North State Life Insurance Co., of Kingston, N. C., operates only in the two Carolinas and has more Carolina lives insured than any other Carolina company. Agents wanted where the company is not now represented.

Mammoth Bronze Turkeys for sale. Won first prize at Piedmont fair and extra prize of \$18.00 lamp. Hatched last of May. Young come weigh from 16 to 18 pounds, nice hens, \$7.00 per pair. Oliver J. Conrad, R. F. D. 2, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Jobs Wanted—Make big money as a photo pillow tops 25c. Brimides 25c; portraits, 35c; oillet 30c. We produce works of art guaranteed, lowest prices, large studio, prompt service, credit given; samples; portrait and frame catalogue free. Ritter's Art Studio, 1218 Madison, Chicago, Ill.

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Wanted—Every man, woman and child in South Carolina to know that the "Alco" brand of Sals Doors and Blinds are the best and are made only by the Augusta Lumber Company, who manufacture everything in Lumber and Millwork and whose watchword is "Quality." Write Augusta Lumber Company, Augusta, Georgia, for price on any order, large or small.

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PEACEMAKER THE VICTIM.

Asheville Citizen Receives Perhaps Fatal Wounds.

With a knife blade stuck in his right lung to a depth of four inches, and still protruding from the wound, John Davis, a well-known citizen of West Asheville, staggered into his home early Friday morning and informed his wife that he had been cut. The injured man did not know the knife was still embedded in his lung until it was pulled out by his horrified wife. The stabbing resulted from an affray between the young son of Davis and a young man named McMahon, in which the father was endeavoring to act as peacemaker. After the cutting, which is alleged to have been done by McMahon, the latter made his escape, but later was captured and returned to Asheville. Davis's condition is critical.

Four Were Killed.

In the Northern Pacific yards in Cheyenne, Washington, the North Coast Limited No. 2, struck a car of the Burlington passenger train No. 42. "As we passed through the car," said Hancock, "the short one ordered the passengers from their berths. They were told to drop what they had in the sack."

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